

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q87718

Tadahiro HIRAMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/532,976

Group Art Unit: 4173

Confirmation No.: 9070

Examiner: Barbara S. Frazier

Filed: April 28, 2005

For: DEODORANT COMPOSITION

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated October 15, 2007. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. Applicants have been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect species A without traverse for examination, on which claims 1-6, 8 and 9 are readable.

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Applicants further submit that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims .

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

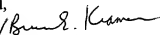
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